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**Waste Dive - Missouri orders Republic to add safeguards against landfill fire - 8/18/15** - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has ordered Republic Services to add more safeguards and develop a plan to prevent the spread of an underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill, which has been burning for more than four years past existing defenses. <http://www.wastedive.com/news/missouri-orders-republic-to-add-safeguards-against-landfill-fire/404123/>

**Denver Post - EPA inspector general to review Colorado mine disaster - 8/18/15** - The internal watchdog at the Environmental Protection Agency is launching a combined investigation among its three divisions into the cause of a spill from a Colorado gold mine that unleashed 3 million gallons of contaminated wastewater into rivers that supply water to at least three states.  
[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_28662074/epa-inspector-general-review-colorado-mine-disaster](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28662074/epa-inspector-general-review-colorado-mine-disaster)

**The Hill (blog) - Obama's 'Clean Power Plan' hurts economy - 8/18/15** - Affordable, dependable energy is crucial to everyone, especially the poor, the elderly, those on fixed incomes, and local institutions like schools and hospitals. Anything that makes energy more expensive and less dependable should be viewed with disdain. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/251302-obamas-clean-power-plan-hurts-economy>

**EnergyWire - The fracking 'loophole' that just keeps growing – 8/18/15** - Like a fish story, the "Halliburton loophole" grows a little with every telling. It started 10 years ago as a narrow, little-known exemption to a federal environmental law embedded in sweeping energy legislation.  
<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023558>

**Washington Post - Power companies may have found a new way to crack into the solar business - 8/18/15** - We've all heard by now about the tense dynamic that is accompanying the rapid growth of solar in the U.S. where utility companies have sought to change how solar owners can be credited on their bills for the power they generate at home. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/08/18/power-companies-may-have-found-a-new-way-to-crack-into-the-solar-business/>

**Reuters - Insecticide linked by some to honey bee die-offs found in U.S. stream samples - 8/1/15** - A type of insecticide under scrutiny by the White House because of fears about its impact on honey bees has been found in more than half of streams sampled across the United States, according to a study by government researchers published Tuesday. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/insecticide-linked-by-some-to-honey-bee-die-offs-found/article\\_0a879151-6213-5dff-81bb-1f799c2b1f81.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/insecticide-linked-by-some-to-honey-bee-die-offs-found/article_0a879151-6213-5dff-81bb-1f799c2b1f81.html)

**Bloomberg - Column: Talk Is Cheap. Renewable Energy Isn't** - 8/19/15 - But the debate over renewables, as with climate change more broadly, needs to move past whether policy has to change (it does) and toward how much we're willing to pay for it -- and who gets the tab.

<http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2015-08-19/talk-is-cheap-renewable-energy-isn-t->

**Climate News Network - Renewables raise challenge to coal in power league** - 8/18/15 - Wind, solar and other renewable sources of clean energy are now second only to coal in generating the world's electricity. <http://www.climatenewsnetwork.net/renewables-raise-challenge-to-coal-in-power-league/>

**Heartland Institute - House Cuts EPA Budget, Would Block Clean Power Plan** - 8/19/15 - The House Appropriations committee cut funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by 9 percent, or \$718 million, and blocked key Obama administration climate rules when they approved a \$30.17 billion Interior and Environment spending bill. <http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2015/08/19/house-cuts-epa-budget-would-block-clean-power-plan>

**Law360 - Clean Power Plan Foes Not Ready To Give Up The Fight** - 8/14/15 - New challenges to President Barack Obama's plan to cut carbon emissions from power plants are designed both to impede that effort and to retain what the petitioners feel is a sympathetic panel of judges at the D.C. Circuit for future litigation. <http://www.law360.com/appellate/articles/691510/clean-power-plan-foes-not-ready-to-give-up-the-fight>

**Utility Dive - Analysts: Stakeholders won't feel Clean Power Plan's financial impact before 2022** - 8/18/15 - Major ratings agencies and equity research firms agree that there will be varying degrees of financial impact for states, utilities, merchant generators, and coal producers from the Clean Power Plan. All agree the impacts -- good or bad -- will not soon come to fruition, and certainly not before the rule takes effect in 2022, SNL reports. <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/analysts-stakeholders-wont-feel-clean-power-plans-financial-impact-befor/404176/>

**Heartland Institute - Clean Power Plan Costs Soar, Hit (Almost) Everyone** - 8/18/15 - In the previous issue of Climate Change Weekly, I examined the impact of President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan (CPP) on the coal industry. This week I'm broadening the examination. A number of analysts have examined the harmful impact of CPP on the economy; the numbers are eye-opening.

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2015/08/18/clean-power-plan-costs-soar-hit-almost-everyone>

**MSNBC - Obama's Climate Action Plan is under fire from all sides** - 8/18/15 - The Obama administration proposed on Tuesday the first regulations that would target methane emissions by the oil and gas industry, the latest stride in the president's race to prevent catastrophic climate change.

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/obamas-climate-action-plan-under-fire-all-sides>

**Rolling Stone - Apocalypse Soon: 9 Terrifying Signs of Environmental Doom and Gloom - 8/19/15 -**

Between natural disasters and climate change, the environment can be a pretty terrifying thing to think about. Don't think so? Here are 9 indications of looming disaster to keep you awake at night.

<http://www.rollingstone.com/culture/news/apocalypse-soon-9-terrifying-signs-of-environmental-doom-and-gloom-20150818>

**Gold King Mine**

**Real Clear Politics - Obama's Toxic Environmental Pollution Agency - 8/19/15 -** Here in my adopted home state of Colorado, orange is the new Animas River thanks to the blithering idiots working under President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency.

[http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2015/08/19/obamas\\_toxic\\_environmental\\_pollution\\_agency\\_127814.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2015/08/19/obamas_toxic_environmental_pollution_agency_127814.html)

**Kansas City Star - Previous environmental disasters show the long road ahead for Colorado mine waste cleanup - 8/17/15 -** Toxic heavy metals that spilled into Colorado's Animas River this month turned the waterway a sickening shade of orange. <http://www.kansascity.com/news/nation-world/article31302638.html>

**Wall Street Journal - Letter: The Perpetrators Should Pay for the EPA-Yellow River - 8/19/15 -** I hope the states of Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona wring some recompense from the federal government to repay their citizenry for their loss of income and for having to clean up what the EPA Mine Busters created. <http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-perpetrators-should-pay-for-the-epa-yellow-river-1439927026>

**Accuracy in Media - Guest Column: EPA's gross negligence at Gold King - 8/19/15 -** On August 5, an Environmental Restoration company crew, supervised by US Environmental Protection Agency officials, used an excavator to dig away tons of rock and debris that were blocking the entrance portal of Colorado's Gold King Mine, which had been largely abandoned since 1923. <http://www.aim.org/guest-column/epas-gross-negligence-at-gold-king/>

**Iowa Public Radio - Navajo Nation Farmers Feel The Weight Of Colorado Mine Spill - 8/17/15 -** The mustard-colored water then flowed downstream to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico. The Navajo Farming Authority has shut off public water intakes and irrigation canals, leaving hundreds of Navajo farmers driving long distances to water their crops. <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/navajo-nation-farmers-feel-weight-colorado-mine-spill>